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REPEATING HIS WORDS.

THE message of President Wilson did not bring out many new features, for it was confined chiefly to a rehearsal of the grievances that have already received attention of the chief executive of the United States. For the benefit of the Bonanza readers attention is directed to the following excerpt taken from the address of President Wilson to the joint session of Congress convened February 3, 1917, when he closed with the following peroration:

"We do not desire any hostile conflict with the imperial German government. We are the sincere friends of the German people and earnestly desire to remain at peace with the government that speaks for them. We shall not believe they are hostile to us unless and until we are obliged to believe it, and we propose nothing more than the reasonable defense of the undoubted rights of our people. We wish to serve no selfish ends. We seek merely to stand true, alike in thought and action, to the immortal principles of our people, which I sought to express in my address to the senate only two weeks ago—seek merely to vindicate our right to liberty and justice and an unmolested life. These are the basis of peace, not war. God grant we may not be challenged to defend them by acts of willful injustice on the part of the government of Germany."

NEVADA WELL REPRESENTED.

DATA made public recently would tend to show that the marksmanship of the United States navy, on which everything would depend in the event of a naval battle, is better than ever before. This statement has been attacked by a number of critics of the navy department on the ground that the calculation of "hits" was such as to make a low record of marksmanship impossible for any ship. The navy department, however, insists that the calculations were made on the same basis on which marksmanship in our navy has always been scored. On the dreadnaught Nevada three gun pointers in nine shots with 14-inch guns made a record of nine hits; on the New York nine pointers made six hits in six shots; on the Oklahoma three gun pointers made seven hits in nine shots; on the Pennsylvania eight hits in nine shots, and on the Texas six hits in six shots and all with 14-inch guns at long ranges. Out of 66 shots fired from the 12-inch guns of the dreadnaughts 64 were hits, while with 8-inch guns the records of the champion gunners was 22 hits with 24 shots. With seven-inch guns the best record was 15 hits in 16 shots, while champion gun pointers of the 4-inch guns hit the target 39 times in 40 shots.

FIRST WITH THE NEWS.

THE BONANZA was first in the field with news of the president's address, the declaration of a state of war, and the sinking of the Aztec. The news was received too late for the regular edition, but the facts were given out in bulletin form just as quickly as they came in over the wire. The first flash stating that the president had asked Congress to authorize the announcement that a state of war existed, tapped in at 5:53 p. m. This came within five minutes after the president finished delivering his address and the delivery of the news in such an incredibly short space of time is another feather in the cap of the Associated Press. The flash was followed by another bulletin setting forth the main features of the message, which was received 15 minutes later. In another quarter of an hour a complete synopsis of the remarks were on the desk of the editor of the Bonanza and at 7:45 came the joint resolution introduced declaring a state of war and directing the president to employ all resources of the country to carry war against the German imperial government and bring the conflict to a successful conclusion. These bulletins were given the public, as well as the announcement of the sinking of the Aztec, the first armed American merchantman, which came in before the wires got busy with the president's message and in time to impart greater gravity to the deliberations of Congress.

EFFECT ON THE MARKETS.

THE first question suggested by any dislocation of ordinary business through the declaration of war naturally is the extent to which harmful influences will operate against national prosperity. In this respect there is not another nation on the face of the globe today that can cope with the United States in resources and finances. The United States has already made profits from the war roughly estimated at five billions. There is more than \$2,500,000,000 in gold in the country today. There is \$480,000,000 in free gold in the federal reserve banks. These banks would be of vast assistance to us in whatever situation will arise, in the event of actual hostilities such as are contemplated by the president's action. The entire people are a unit. The much emphasized note of our affairs now will be efficiency. Efficiency now means conservatism. We have undergone some remarkable experiences during two years and a half of the war. We have been converted from a debtor to a creditor nation. We now do 44 per cent of the world's banking. But it must be remembered that we are not to retain our vast supply of gold. We have proved to be prepared for industrial mobilization, if there should be war, beyond any one's prior conception. Men of German birth who have become citizens are no less loyal than native citizens. Their children were born here, have married and will die here. Could any ties be stronger? An army of nearly 18,000,000 men could be called to the colors of the United States, if necessary, according to a carefully prepared estimate. Of this number 10,535,940 are between the ages of 18 and 45 years and now are physically fit for service in the field. In addition to this vast mobile force it is declared that, if the French standard of 1910 should be applied 600,000 of the 900,000 who annually reach military age in the United States would be fit for service. By the German standard as applied in 1910 the United States would have 459,000 physically fit young men reaching military age annually. From this it appears that more than nine-tenths of the force of 1,500,000 trained and organized troops, which the war college division of the general staff thinks should be available at the outbreak of the war, could be made of the men of two ages—say men of 19 and 20—the

French standard is applied, and that under the stricter German standard of 1910 more than nine-tenths of the force could be made up of the men of three ages, say, 19, 20 and 21. In the calculation all single men, widowers without dependents and divorced men were assumed to be available. Of 21,071,076 men from 18 to 40 years old in this country, 45 35-100 per cent are single, widowers without dependents or divorced, 43.35 per cent being single. If this percentage were applied to the 10,535,940 now physically fit for service in the field the figure arrived at after deduction for sickness, physical defects, and industrial necessities, the number available for service would become 4,778,050.

THE CUTOFF FROM BATTLE MOUNTAIN TO HAZEN MAY BE BUILT IN SHORT TIME

A great deal has been written the past few years relative to the big cut-off on the Southern Pacific line which would leave the main line near Battle Mountain and run in almost a direct line through Stillwater and Fallon to Hazen, where it would connect with the main line again.

This proposed cut-off would save the transcontinental line about 54 miles, which is a big item, as railroads figure, for 25 or 50 or 75 years ahead for the numerous trains that will move over the road daily.

There has been considerable talk recently on the quiet, but the first real color that has been given to the enterprise comes from the following article published in the last issue of the Lovelock Review-Miner. "With the return from Carson City last week of John T. Reid, managing director of the Nevada United Mines company, details of the plans for opening up the district around Copper Reid, and the east or Silver range, were made public.

The plans include the construction of a railroad line which will make an important connection with two trunk lines, and permit a saving in handling of transcontinental freight.

"Mr. Reid will leave soon, he plans, for the east, to plan a campaign of development with his associates there. The franchise for the road has been secured, allowing connection with two trunk lines, and permitting shortening of the C. P. loop from Battle Mountain to

PROSPECTOR PASSES AWAY AT WILLOW CREEK RANCH

J. A. Sylvester passed away at the Lay Bros. Willow Creek ranch, Jackson range, last Tuesday, March 27. He was about 70 years of age and was a native of England. Deceased

was a prospector and had been in that section for some time, coming from Standish, Cal. Interment took place at the ranch.

Jitney dance for the Women's Relief Corps at the Air dome Wednesday night, April 11. Adv. A2411



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WINGFIELD OFFERS HORSES FOR ARMY

ANNOUNCES IN SAN FRANCISCO THAT GOVERNMENT CAN USE HIS FARM STOCK

George Wingfield has offered to place at the disposal of the government all the thoroughbred horses at the Nevada Stock Farm, to be used in the cavalry service in case of war, according to a statement given out by him in San Francisco yesterday.

He has over 100 head of purebred thoroughbreds, in addition to 500 mixed breeds, at the farm here, and they are at the call of the government.

Wingfield predicts that other horsemen will assist by placing their thoroughbreds at the disposal of the cavalry.

"In our appeal for favorable legislation to restore the racing game in various sections of the country we have pointed out the necessity to encourage the breeding industry, so that a high standard of horse would be raised for the cavalry," he explained. "It has been proved that the thoroughbred strain makes the best type of cavalry horses. Our

thoroughbred stock was greatly depleted by reason of the adverse laws that were passed, but we have been building up in the last couple of years, until the breeders and horsemen are in a position now to assist the government.

"I venture to say that the horsemen will be among the first to respond when the call for horses is issued. I have some 600 head at my stock farm and they are ready for the saddle."

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